GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA

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GAUGE CONVERSION BETWEEN MADURAI AND DINDIGUL RAILWAY LINE
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) Whether the Railways have any proposal to convert the existing metre gauge railway line to broad gauge railway line between Madurai and Dindigul;

(b) If so, the details alongwith the cost of the project; and

(c) The time by which the construction work is likely to be started and completed?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R.VELU)

(a): Yes, Sir.

(b) & (c): Doubling of Madurai-Dindigul (including Ambaduturai- Kodaikannal Road) section by gauge conversion of the existing metre gauge line has already been included in the Budget and the work has been taken up. Anticipated cost of the work is Rs. 97.81 crore. The work has already started on bridges. No target date has been fixed for completion of the doubling.